

## REMARKS

Claims 40 to 66 are pending in this application. Previous claims 1-39 are cancelled. This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination following the Decision on Appeal dated May 29, 2009 upholding the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,013,729 (“Tsujimoto”) in view of WO 96/16110 (“Karrer”). Independent claim 40 herein is directed to a composition consisting essentially of an elastomeric polyorganosiloxane which is a siloxane crosslinked by an organohydrogensiloxane crosslinker and which is free from alternating cyclic hydrocarbon residues, and an admixed sterically hindered amine light stabilizer which includes a pendant silocane chain.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims herein overcome the rejections. Tsujimoto discloses a moisture-curable composition containing an ethylene-alpha-olefin unconjugated diene copolymer rubber, a silicon type crosslinking-agent, a hydrosilation catalyst and a hydrolyzable silane group-containing thermoplastic resin. (Tsujimoto, col. 2, line 61- col. 3, line 4). When crosslinked, the elastomer composition comprises (i) a matrix comprising a thermoplastic resin having hydrolysable silane groups crosslinked by dehydration condensation of silanol groups and (ii) a dispersed phase consisting of an ethylene-alpha-olefin unconjugated diene polymer rubber dispersed in the matrix and crosslinked. (Tsujimoto, col. 3, lines 23-30).

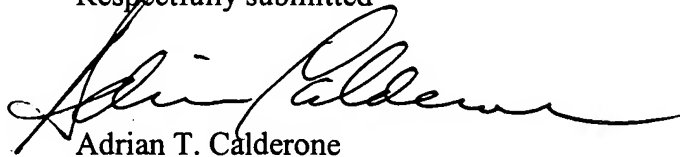
The Tsujimoto references does not disclose or suggest Applicants’ composition as now claimed in view of the recitation “consisting essentially of” in the preamble of the claim. The Karrer reference discloses hindered amine light stabilizers but does not cure the deficiencies of the Tsujimoto reference.

New claims 57 to 66 are directed to a method for making the composition of claim 40 and are submitted to be allowable over the cited references.

#### CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons stated above all of the pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance, the same being respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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